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Spike in opioid overdoses, deaths in 2018

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Staff Reporter

There was a surge of opioid-related overdoses and deaths in the area served by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit in 2018.

During an Oct. 23 meeting, Haliburton County councillors received a presentation on the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy from Megan Deyman, the project's co-ordinator, and Cathy MacDonald of the health unit.

"For HKPR, there were 22 suspected drug overdose-related emergency department visits, which includes opioids and other drugs, among HKPR residents in 2018," MacDonald said, adding there were 145 opioid-related visits. "This rate is higher than it was reported for 2017."

In 2018, there were 29 hospitalizations related to opioid use, and 20 deaths from January through September.

"That's almost two and a half times higher for the same time period in 2017," MacDonald said.

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Ready for Halloween

Hall Halloween Parade participants led a diverse group of ghouls, zombies, witches, animals, bunnies, movie characters and superheroes through downtown Haliburton on Saturday, Oct. 26. The parade was part of a series of events led by the Municipality of Dysart et al, including a movie night, paranormal presentation and trivia night. See www.hallhalloween.com for more upcoming events such as Halloween Around the World, Haliburton Village Ghost Walk and Dia de los Muertos. See more on page 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

Lake association working to protect portage routes

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 22 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Gino Ariano and Jim Prince, of the Ken-

nesis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, presented to council on their traditional rights of way project, for which they've been researching key portage routes in the area in an effort to ensure the routes are preserved and maintained.

Multiple portage routes throughout the area allow for access from Kennesis and Redstone Lakes to lakes or rivers in Haliburton Forest, the Frost Centre area and

into Algonquin Park.

"As an association we're committed to maintaining these routes, these portage routes," said Ariano. "And it's not just for property owners on Kennesis Lake, it's for other people in the county who want to move through the area and it's also for visitors who come into Dysart and

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Insights help plan Head Lake Park design

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Stakeholders at a Head Lake Park master plan workshop held Oct. 23 had a lot to say when sharing what they love about the Haliburton outdoor space, including the bandshell, the natural vegetation and pathways, the location and view, the playground and the event space. But those who have used it for many years were also quick to point out what they've noticed could be improved, including better drainage, washroom conditions, parking spaces, wayfinding signage and an added splash park.

The group of stakeholders representing the park's diverse infrastructure and events were invited by the Municipality of Dysart et al for the improvements workshop moderated by Basterfield & Associates Landscape Architects – retained by the municipality to prepare a Head Lake Park master plan.

The participants included representatives of service clubs, the Farmers' Market, Rails End Gallery, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, the Haliburton County Public Library, the county's Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, the health unit, the BIA, the Athwart Hearts music festival, the Caboose tourist information and welcome centre, parks grounds contractors and staff and council. Smaller groups of people at the



In a stakeholders meeting, facilitated by Brian Basterfield (standing) of Basterfield and Associates Inc., service club members, councillors, township staff, Haliburton residents, organizers and volunteers offered their thoughts on improvements and additions to Head Lake Park./SUE TIFFIN Staff

session worked together in brainstorming and answering questions regarding which features of the park were most valued, what features could be added to the park, what needed improvement, repair or upgrading and which three things were liked least about the park.

Mayor Andrea Roberts thanked the room full of stakeholders, noting, "we couldn't do it on our own."

"Each one of you has a little bit, a little story, a little thought," she said. "You know, I thought [our group] had it and then I heard all from the other tables and I said, 'yeah, that's a good point, that's a good point.'"

Roberts said she looked forward to seeing the master plan, which she acknowledged would take time.

"It will take time to do, but it will be something that you strive for," said Roberts. "Without a plan, you're just putting out those little fires or fixing this little thing over here and not looking at the big picture."

Basterfield & Associates Landscape Architects designed the skate park and arena side parking lot, as well as streetscape projects, so has familiarity with the town. A concept might come back to the same group for further input prior to going to council.

"It is the intention that this plan will help with annual budgeting and planning and also to support grant applications that may come along," said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart et al CAO.



In a stakeholders meeting, service club members, councillors, municipal staff, Haliburton residents, organizers and volunteers offered their thoughts on improvements and additions to Head Lake Park. Here, Councillor John Smith reads the suggestions made at his table./SUE TIFFIN Staff

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damages.

PC Sean Hawley said that overnight on Oct. 22, a CCTV camera and recording equipment were forcibly removed and stolen from the laundromat's inner office that had been forced open, while a bill exchanger had been forced open and an undetermined amount of cash stolen.

Haliburton Highlands OPP arrived at 7:54 a.m. after the break and enter was discovered by cleaning staff in the morning.

No estimate on damages or monetary losses has been established.

Several years ago, mischief was reported at the laundromat, in 2014, when the washroom was entered and damage caused to the wooden panels when they were ripped from the wall.

Anyone with further information about this crime can contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431.

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Majority of opioid overdoses accidental

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The health unit does not have statistics specific to Haliburton County available.

The drug strategy received Ontario Trillium Foundation funding in 2016, that funding coming to a close at the end of 2019. Research and consultation with service providers and residents took place throughout 2016 and 2017, with a number of priority concerns identified, including impaired driving, lack of resources and ability to access resources as the primary ones. The project has involved more than 50 partner organizations and has operated on a “four pillar” approach, those pillars being harm reduction, prevention and education, treatment, and justice and enforcement.

MacDonald cited a provincial report showed there were 1,337 confirmed opioid-related deaths in Ontario from July of 2017 to June of 2018, saying that the vast majority of those deaths were accidental overdoses, and that Fentanyl and Fentanyl analogs contributed to nearly three quarters of those deaths.

Three quarters of the deaths occurred in males, 74 per cent of overdoses occurred in private residences, more than half were individuals between the ages of 25 and 44. Forty-seven per cent of those who died were unemployed, 18 per cent were employed and 31 per cent of those who were employed were in the construction industry. MacDonald said nearly half of those who died were alone at the time of incident, and that almost half involved a resuscitation attempt. “Three out of five incidents occurred in the person’s own home, and over one fifth Naloxone administered,” she said. Naloxone is a drug that can act as a temporary counter to the effects of opioid drugs.

Deyman said an increasing number of poisoned drugs has also contributed to the increase in ER visits in the region.

MacDonald said another report that had very recently been released indicated there may be a decline in the prescribing of opi-



Megan Deyman, right, and Cathy MacDonald presented the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy to Haliburton County council during an Oct. 23 meeting. / CHAD INGRAM Staff

oids.

“They did change the prescribing recommendations for physicians,” she said.

As far as a municipal response, Deyman said there are a series of recommendations from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario that councils could adopt, and that some councils within the region already have. Those recommendations deal mostly with lobbying upper levels of government.

County councillors wondered what they were to do with the information at a local level.

“So, what happens with these priorities, and what happens with you guys and this report?” asked Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. “Interesting, sobering information that’s fabulous to have. And now? What do we do with it? What do we, eight people sitting here today, decision-makers, what are we supposed to do with this?”

While there is a Central East Local Health Integration Network opioid strat-

egy in place, there is not a local one, and MacDonald said that a HKPR District opioid task force had recently been established.

“We’ve only had an initial meeting . . . part of which is, we are developing a local opioid response plan, and that plan does involve the three counties, for now.”

MacDonald said the task force would be looking for feedback from the community and service providers, as well as people with lived experience with substance use.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he would have liked to have seen the county involved earlier in the process.

“This is a year-year project and we’re within a couple of months of the end of it

in 2019, I would say . . . in things that will go forward, we would like to be engaged much earlier in the process rather than at the end of a three-year strategy that affects our area,” Devolin said.

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said councillors needed local information, specific to the county, to take effective action, noting the day before, Dysart et al council had received a report on the needle exchange program within the HKPR District.

“I was disappointed yesterday, and I’m a little disappointed again today, that you’re not getting your data down deep enough,” Kennedy said. “ . . . If you want us to be able to drill down in our geographic area, we need local data, and I’d just encourage you, if there’s a possible way to break that out.”

MacDonald said the health unit gets data through limited sources. While information from hospitals is received daily, she said data from other sources can come one, two, even six months after the fact. “So, one of our struggles has been having real-time data,” she said.

Recently, a data-sharing agreement was established between the health unit and Haliburton County’s EMS department.

“So we’re looking forward to starting to get that data in a more real-time fashion, and we are working with the police and the hospitals in all of the districts to also get their data in a more timely fashion,” MacDonald said.

She also noted that data doesn’t capture the full picture.

“We have a lot of overdose events that are not reported,” MacDonald said. “We have a lot of people who are refusing to go to hospital once EMS is called.”

ETFO requests mediation in bargaining process

The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario is requesting that the Ministry of Labour appoint a conciliation officer to assist with bargaining between the union and the provincial government.

According to the union, while bargaining talks had proceeded through July and August, they have been at an effective standstill since that time, with previous collective agreements expiring on Aug. 31.

“We believe the reason why the talks are now stalled is because of the proposed cuts,” Karen Bratina, ETFO president for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, told the *Echo*. “The government is demanding that we, the ETFO teachers, take \$150 million in collective bargaining strips.”

Bratina said it’s not clear exactly where those cuts are expected to occur.

“That’s why there’s no progress at the table,” she said. “We’re not getting answers in regard to that.”

At the same time, however, Bratina said, the government is not committed to continuing full-day kindergarten, and she said there is some understanding that perhaps that’s where the provincial government is expecting to find financial savings.

In a press release, ETFO president Sam

Hammond said the union is getting non-answers from the Ford government.

“Government representatives at the bargaining table have been asked, point blank, whether the Ford government intends to make funding cuts to elementary education in 2020,” Hammond said in the release. “All we are getting are evasive non-answers. That is completely unacceptable.”

The Ford government has expressed that it is looking to reduce overall education spending by 2.5 per cent.

A strike vote was held by local ETFO members in Lindsay on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 16 and Bratina said there was a good turnout, with some 650 members attending. The results of that vote, as well as strike votes from other ETFO locals across the province, will not be known until early November. While Bratina was not aware of the local result, she told the paper she was confident that the majority of members would have given a very strong mandate.

Even with the stall with high-level talks, Bratina said she is still able to proceed with local bargaining, and will be working on preparing a preliminary submission in the coming weeks.

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Poverty reduction group recommends creating food action plan

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Staff Reporter

Among recommendations in a report from the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Poverty Reduction Roundtable is the creation of a food charter and food action plan for the County of Haliburton.

Marina Hodson, executive director of the Kawartha North Family Health Team, and Rachel Gillooly, poverty reduction co-ordinator for Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton, presented the report to Haliburton County councillors during their Oct. 23 meeting. The roundtable was established in 2016, growing out of the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Poverty Reduction Strategy, which was initiated in 2012.

According to the report, about 25 per cent of children aged 17 or under in the county come from low-income households, and some 43 per cent of kindergarten students are considered "vulnerable" according to Early Development Instruments, meaning they are subject to compromise in at least one area of their development, those areas including physical health and wellbeing, social competence, and emotional maturity.

In the area served by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 13.5 per cent of households are considered food insecure, meaning they cannot regularly afford sufficient amounts of healthy food. According to the health unit, it costs \$884 per month to sufficiently feed a family of four.

Hodson told councillors that the City of Kawartha Lakes has developed a summer launch outreach program, designed to dovetail with nutrition programs offered in schools for children who may require

such throughout the summer months.

"This was an issue identified in many of the schools in the lower income regions, where kids actually didn't look forward to summer break, because they knew that was going to mean they were going to eat less," Hodson said.

Along with the creation of a food charter and food action plan for the County of Haliburton, other recommendations in the report include supporting food security innovations such as community gardens and community kitchens, and for municipalities to waive or assist with rental fees and insurance costs for non-profit organizations working on such initiatives, as well as incorporating policies related to local food systems and healthy eating into municipal official plans.

Along with food insecurity, the poverty reduction strategy looks at housing, education and employment, children and youth, and transportation, and has action plans for each of them.

"The action plans are closely inter-related, as I'm sure you can appreciate," Hodson said, "... any disruption in any one of the areas has a direct impact on the others."

If someone loses their childcare, for instance, that may mean they may have to stay home from work, which affects their income, which affects their ability to buy food, so on and so forth.

In the county, about 17 per cent of households are considered low income, and about half of people who rent spend more than 30 per cent of their income on shelter costs, "which is the recommended maximum," Hodson said.

The wait time to get into subsidized housing in the area is three to five years, and among the recommendations in the

report is increasing the supply of permanent affordable housing options in Haliburton County. Some suggested methods include the waiving of fees for builders constructing affordable housing. A housing summit was held in West Guilford earlier this month, participants, including a number of community leaders, discussing what could be done to address the housing challenges in the county.

On transportation, Hodson noted that, at least for the time being, county council had decided not to proceed with the booked, shared ride service that had been

identified as a suitable model for the community through a process it initiated using MTO funding. The firm the county hired to conduct a transportation implementation plan estimated the cost for such a system would be \$300,000 and, citing concerns about usage levels and logistics, in the spring, county councillors decided not to proceed with the model this year, but included \$50,000 in the 2019 budget for further work on transportation.

The creation of a rural transportation system for Haliburton County was another recommendation in the report.

Hydro One supervisor charged in death of employee

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The supervisor of the young Hydro One employee who was killed on the job in Haliburton County earlier this year will appear in court in Lindsay at the end of November.

On Thursday, March 21, the OPP were called to the scene of an accident involving forestry work near Coleman Road. One Hydro One employee, a 25-year-old man from Sydenham, Ont., was transported to hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Three other employees of the utility were treated for injuries, and released.

The Ministry of Labour conducted an investigation and, according to the min-

istry, in September, charges were laid against an individual as a supervisor and employee under two sections of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. Those charges are for failing to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker, contrary to S.27(3)(c) of the act, and for failing to work in a manner that did not endanger other workers, contrary to s.28(2)(b) of the act.

The *Echo* sought comment from Hydro One.

"Respectfully, we cannot comment on the matter as it is before the courts," reads a statement sent in an email by communications staff.

The individual's first court date is set for Nov. 28 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

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Portage routes education outreach project needed

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the county more broadly so that they can move around [these lake systems]."

Ariano said that, "as more properties are developed, these routes are being compromised," and it was essential to develop an educational outreach program that includes portage signage to ensure property owners and portage route users are aware of rights and responsibilities regarding protection and use of the routes.

The KLCOA focused on three noted portages around Kennis Lake: Lipsy Lake to Kennis Lake (Soap Pond); Klaxton Lake to Lipsy Lake and Cat Lake to Kennis Lake (Cat Bay), reviewing in detail the parcel registers and surveys or plans for the routes. The portages cross parcels of land that are public or private, with deeds to private property including the express right to portage over the land, according to the KLCOA.

Ariano said through liaising with other lake associations, he understood some property owners on Lipsy Lake might be concerned about the routes and invasive species.

"They'd prefer, or at least what we've been told, is they'd prefer that this be closed, and the fact of the matter is they can't close it, it's legal, and it should remain open. Not to discount any other concerns but the bottom line is it has to remain open."

Besides extensive legal research, the association has also conducted interviews with canoeists who had used the routes as long ago as 1955, and through additional historical research has uncovered a newspaper article and camp brochures noting the routes. The association plans to research Indigenous use of the routes from original Crown survey notes and treaty documents. Ariano said he was "pleasantly surprised" with feedback from *Echo* readers with knowledge of the routes to an article about the project published last spring, including supportive property owners.

Moving forward, Ariano asked for council to maintain rights of way, recognize traditional rights of way throughout the municipality and in particular in the Kennis watershed and endorse the work done by KLCOA. Additionally, he asked that the township look into confirming and recognizing other traditional rights of ways in the municipality and alongside Algonquin Highlands, collaborate to work at promoting, maintaining and creating a more viable network of routes.

Councillors were supportive of the KLCOA and the work they'd done on the project.

Caboose moving full steam ahead

Twenty years ago, when people asked at what point in the summer Haliburton County got less busy, the answer was usually, "when the Ex starts," but nowadays August is no less busy and sometimes busier than July, explained Lorry Brandon and Nancy Stinson in their delegation to council about the Haliburton Tourist Information Caboose. This year, for example, in August 2,878 people visited the Caboose, located at Head Lake Park, compared to 2,351 people in July, and Brandon noted that tourism is "alive and well" in Dysart.

Brandon and Stinson, enthusiastic ambassadors of the Caboose, said 7,438 people visited the Caboose this season from May 18 to Oct. 15, compared to 5,375 in 2016. Visitors included full-time and seasonal residents, day visitors, travel group guides, camp parents, hikers, rail trail cyclists, paddlers, motorcyclists, ATV drivers, geo-



Gino Ariano, right, and Jim Prince of the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association spoke to their traditional rights of way project looking to protect portage routes, at an Oct. 22 meeting of Dysart council. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

cachers, history buffs and even those arriving by float plane, and Brandon said they came with a variety of information requests.

"If we didn't know the answer, we certainly did our best to try to find the answer," she said.

Besides looking for information on local attractions, visitors were also looking for campgrounds or other accommodations, scenic tours, menus of local restaurants and printed maps, directions or washroom facilities.

Though the Caboose has ramped up their social media usage, with a Twitter and Instagram account, Brandon said some visitors commented on how important it was to be able to speak with someone face-to-face.

"Every little relationship, every little first meeting, every way you can make people feel welcome – it's so important," she said.

Needle disposal bins recommended for public washrooms

One needle disposal box used for depositing loose supplies and containers up to two litres installed in Haliburton at Head Lake Park last year is being used. The bin, installed to help reduce needles being discarded in public places, has a capacity of about 6,000 needles and has been emptied once or twice since being installed.

"It's being used but it's not being overly used," said Angela Andrews, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit health promoter. "It's a great thing to have."

Andrews approached council to note that more can be done to help facilitate safe needle disposal and harm reduction.

"Harm reduction is a respectful, non-judgemental approach to reducing harms associated with behaviours that meet people where they're at, it's not about fixing people," said Andrews. "It's about health protection, community safety and cost effectiveness."

Her delegation to council focused on community

safety.

"Basically we're looking at what more can we do to keep our community safe and how can we work better together with [Dysart staff] to keep needles off of the ground and to dispose of them safely," she said.

Andrews suggested the possibility of adding a wall-mounted needle disposal bin, which costs about \$100, in library washrooms, at park washrooms and in the arena washroom. She recommended policy implementation and training for parks and recreation staff on safe handling of found needles, signage on what the public should do if they come across a found needle as well as the installation in the park of a "found needle kit," which offers tongs and gloves, and education of landfill staff and parks and rec staff on how to keep needles out of the garbage. Andrews said she didn't have specific numbers for how many injection kits had been distributed by the local health unit, but had reviewed numbers for all of HKPR and said, "it's a lot."

Andrea Mueller, recreation program coordinator, said she knows of people using needles for medical purposes, including insulin, who could make use of the box as well.

Andrews said used needles are also being returned to local pharmacies.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said a decision was not being made that day but the recommendation would be looked at during budget time.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

George

MOST OF US have a list in the back of our minds of things we would like to do in our lives: learning a new skill, travelling to far off places or sticking our neck out and doing something out of our comfort zone. We don't all get the chance, or have the guts, to do those things.

George Farrell certainly did, packing plenty of accomplishments into his life.

George was a columnist for many newspapers in the Highlands over his decades here, most recently in *County Life*, the *Echo's* sister publication. There he chronicled the goings on of the arts community, highlighting the work of creative types and promoting the work they do, which makes the Highlands a vibrant place to be.

He died on Oct. 17 from complications related to a brain tumour.

Over the last week, I've interviewed just a few of the many people who adored George. They relayed how funny and kind, smart and curious about the world he was.

What was probably the most striking about the stories told about George was how hard he worked to make things happen. The idea was introduced to him and Shawn Chamberlin to start a blues series, so they did it. He wanted to write a book, so he did, publishing *Lonely Lake* in

2014. He loved making art and participated in the members' show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and was chosen to become the next year's featured artist. He wanted to front a blues band, and he did that too. George sang with local band Cheeky Monkey for the last two or three years.

"George was a charming and engaging man, with a generous heart, and really did have a twinkle in his eye, which told you that he had a good sense of humour

and irony and did not take himself too seriously," said Hugh Taylor, who has been friends with George since they were roommates during their university days.

It's hard to imagine the Highlands without George Farrell. To open the newspaper and not see his column, weighing in on the latest exhibition, a new restaurant, or

his thoughts on music and art. To attend the opening reception at the Minden or Haliburton gallery and not see him, drink in hand, getting closer to the canvas to see just how the artist put the piece together. To attend a blues concert and not see him joyously bobbing through the crowd, leaning in to make a friendly quip.

Haliburton County has lost an engaged citizen, Shawn Chamberlin said of George when I interviewed him last week. He was passionate about life and about this place. We were lucky to have known him and that he shared so much of himself while he was here.



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Editorial



Abbey's Lac Lacroix pony

by Darren Lum

The quiet and stillness

MY FRIEND and I went for a hike in the Queen Elizabeth Wildlands Park the other day. It was yet another beautiful fall morning. The air was fresh, the sky was blue and the fall colours were still around us. Bright reds, oranges, yellows, and greys and browns as the backdrop.

Eckhart Tolle is a well known meditation teacher and author and when he teaches he encourages his students to sense the quiet in the ground beneath them. The stillness.

He suggests that the quiet and stillness that is within us, is what can sense it beneath us. It is a great way to start a meditation because when your mind is focused on the quiet and the stillness it is in the present moment and that is where life happens... in the *now*.

I've been encouraging my yoga students to sense the quiet and the stillness as the backdrop for every pose and shape they create in a class. Sensing, feeling, breathing and being pose to pose. And then observing the impact that this intention has on your mind, body and spirit. It is always about studying yourself and then reflecting on what happened without judgement. And then the practice is to take that into your everyday life.

The pose might be doing the dishes or playing with your children or recovering from an accident. The poses of life are endless. So as we hiked along I regularly tuned into the quiet and the stillness that was beneath me and around me. It was a lovely way to spend a day. My friend and I

would chat for periods of time, and then we would walk in silence for a while. I swear I could feel my whole system relaxing, settling and becoming quieter as the hike progressed.

At one point I said to my friend, "I think this is what forest bathing is. Walking in the forest and letting your tensions and worries gradually dissolve into the background as the quiet, stillness and beauty come into the foreground." It is also helpful that we had to be

very mindful as we walked because the mud was slippery from rain, and there were lots of roots and logs to step over and around. We had to be focused. I think we were both practicing kind awareness of everything... the beauty, the roots, the breathing, the stillness, the quiet and the sounds.

Even in the quiet, there are still sounds around us and we

would hear birds call periodically or leaves being moved as squirrels chased each other.

Nature is such a good teacher. It teaches about quiet, stillness, beauty and presence. Spending even a bit of time outside is beneficial. Whether it is sitting on your porch, walking in your neighbourhood or exploring some of the beautiful wilderness areas that we have in our county. It is all good. One of the many gifts of living in Haliburton County is the quiet of this time of year.

There are fewer people around, generally, and so it is our time to settle into all the beauty and let ourselves get filled up by it.

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points of view

Herding cats

LATELY, I HAVE been formulating a theory about cats. It is a simple one, but, should my hypothesis prove correct, it might gain me a place in the history of unimportant scientific breakthroughs. If I am truly lucky, I will be held in the same esteem as the man who introduced the “he who smelt it dealt it” theory.

The difference is my theory will, I believe, contribute to our knowledge about felines and provide yet another building block in our never-ending battle to learn how to harness the incredible power of cats.

I call it Galea’s Theory of Cats and Doors.

While it is rather complex and based on many minutes of scientific observation, I can summarize it as follows: No matter what side of a door a cat is on, it wants to be on the other side.

This morning, before introducing my revolutionary findings to the world via this column, I was able to confirm this hypothesis once again when I closed my office door. Immediately upon doing so, our cat Mumbles (hereafter referred

to as Subject One) rose from his comfortable spot on the couch and approached the closed door, which I was behind.

Perhaps the best way to describe what follows is by disclosing a page from my scientific journal and colouring book which describes the event.

9:51 a.m.: After closing the door so I could write my column in peace, Subject One approaches it from the other side and vocalizes “Meow! Meow! Meow!” (Followed by several more.)

9:52 a.m.: I open the door and Subject One enters. (Purring



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mildly.)

9:53 a.m.: I close the door.

9:54 a.m.: Subject One looks at the closed door and vocalizes “Meow! Meow! Meow!” (Followed by several more.)

9:55 a.m.: I open the door.

9:56 a.m.: Subject One walks through the door to the other side.

9:57 a.m.: I close the door.

9:58 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.: The scenario repeats itself.

I know that this in itself is not enough to build a scientific law upon. That’s why I repeated the experiment again, this time utilizing two cats and the downstairs washroom door, followed by the closet door. To shake things up a bit I left them locked in the closet for about an hour, just to see if it dampened their enthusiasm.

It did not.

So what does this mean?

Well, for one it means that with enough doors, we can achieve what was once considered impossible. That is to say, if my theory is expanded upon, we might one day herd cats.

Madness you say?

Look, I know this is a bold dream but so was the double toilet paper roll holder once.

Yet that is the beauty of science. It allows mankind to move forward in ways previously unimaginable.

You might right now think herding cats is the stuff of science fiction. You might even think that this is a Pandora’s Box we should not open.

True, it could unleash mayhem. What if the herd of cats decides to claw at the new couch all at once? How many fur balls can the average person clean up? Who wants to clean a litter box after a herd of cats have defiled it?

These are all valid concerns.

This Pandora’s Box is a little different, however. Yes, once you open that box a herd of cats will get out. That’s not a problem though. For once you close the lid, I guarantee they’ll want back in.



pic of the past

This week’s Pic of the Past first ran in the *Echo* in 1985. It was submitted originally by Marie and Leda Roberts, taken following the funeral of Curly Bill Roberts in 1933.

It was the last time the family was together. In this picture is Jim Parsons, who had made his home with the family from 1912 and was counted as a family member. Front row from left, Tom Roberts, Arnold Roberts, Vera McCaw, Cecil Roberts, Norm Roberts. Back row from left, Charlie Roberts, Bill Roberts, Jim Parsons, Minnie Watt, Eph. Roberts and Elfie Hobden.

letters to the editor

Pic of the Past triggers memories of days gone by

To the Editor,

What a pleasant surprise to find my picture (and my mom) in the Pic of the Past Oct. 22 in the *Echo*. My parents Helen and Ed saved a couple of dollars and rented a cottage at the end of Dawson Road on North Shore Road. I was two or three at the time. We drove up in my dad’s car. I think it was an old Frontenac (a long drive from Oakville in those days). There was a leak in the roof of the cottage and they met Ed Barry who fixed it for us. We were invited to the Morrison farm (Carrie and Jack) at the end of the Dawson Road. We immediately became family and whenever there were a few extra dollars for gas, we would come up to visit. We were included in wiener roasts and corn roasts or just a campfire on the beach with all the neighbours. Mom and Dad would bring the meat and everyone pitched in with baked goods, corn

cobs and dessert. None of us had a lot of money but we thought we were rich when someone would start the fire at the lake and we would have a great time. My dad even helped with building the old barn. We have stayed “family” all through the years ... weddings and babies and funerals. I could not think of a better place to live since I retired. I had my mother here last weekend and we went for a drive around the county and she enjoyed the fall colours. We had talked of those earlier times and when I had my cottage on Pine Lake in West Guilford where I now live, just down the road from Perry Morrison (also in the picture). I know she will be happy and surprised to see the picture when she gets her paper in the mail.

Thanks.

Liz Jesseman
West Guilford

October Song

Remember the last red leaf of fall
Remember the rush of wings
Farewell to the loon’s last haunting call
Till earth renews and sings.

Remember the campground’s fireplace
Remember the outdoor fun
Recall in contrast to chilly lake
The days you baked in the sun.

Recall the beginning of coloured trees
The silvered back of leaves
Remember the brush of rushing wind

Under the sheltering eaves.

In lonely days of winter
We need to remember the things
That filled the eye with beauty
Till spring returns and sings.

Good-bye to the freshening days of spring
Good-bye to the summer’s close
And last of all, good-bye to the fall
As October ends in repose.

Eleanor Cooper

Writer, blues aficionado and nature lover: remembering George Farrell

JENN WATT

Editor

Friends describe George Farrell as a doer, someone who was interested in the world, other people, new ideas, and when he wanted to get something done, he put his whole self into it.

He organized and promoted the Canadian Blues Legends series at Minden's Dominion Hotel with Shawn Chamberlin; he photographed the relics of old cars, turning them into artwork; he wrote regular columns for several local newspapers; he penned a mystery novel, published and promoted it; and he became the frontman of a blues band.

He did it all with enthusiasm and energy, his friends say, taking great pleasure in all of it.

On Oct. 17, Farrell died at the Haliburton hospital from complications resulting from a brain tumour. He was 74.

"He was one of those guys that was involved in a lot of artistic and creative pursuits in this community," said his friend Sean Pennylegion. "... Anybody that had any contact with the creative world in this community knew George or knew of George."

A longtime columnist for various publications, most recently *County Life*, where he wrote weekly about arts and culture, Farrell was a regular fixture at county events and particularly good at making connections and finding stories.

"He was always looking for people to engage with and talk to and he was certainly gregarious," said Hugh Taylor, who has known Farrell since they were university students around 1969 or 1970.

They were roommates for a year, back



George Farrell stands with a selection of his photos from the 2014 exhibition *Fatal Abstraction: Images in Rust*. He was that year's featured artist at the Annual Members Show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Farrell was a columnist, novelist, organizer, artist and most recently, became a blues singer. He died on Oct. 17. / DARREN LUM Staff

when Taylor attended the University of Toronto and Farrell was at Ryerson, studying radio, television and journalism. They bonded over their love of music and stayed in touch for years until Taylor moved away.

When Taylor and his wife Pamela Marsales moved to the Highlands in 1995, he was thrilled to find Farrell and his wife, Michelle St. Pierre and their sons Brendan and Tyson living here, too.

They picked up right where they left off.

"Over these many years in Haliburton we often went on long walks together accompanied by George and Michelle's remarkable, and kinda crazy dog Weasel, who would almost always cause some kind of emergency, from bear encounters to getting lost in the foundations of a der-

elict building, chasing a critter," Taylor shared via email.

Most friends of George report that he loved to chat. He wanted to engage with other people and sometimes debate points of view.

Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, worked with him for 10 years at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which includes the gallery. Farrell was assigned to various aspects of the cultural centre, with a particular penchant for Nature's Place.

Over the years, Carmount said they had many spirited conversations.

"He really wanted to come to understand your full reasoning – and you had to support your reasoning – he'd come at you from a couple different ways to see why you're thinking what you're thinking," she said.

Farrell could work at any part of the cultural centre, Carmount said, because he had wide-ranging knowledge and the motivation to learn about new things.

"I think it was mostly because George could speak to any art, any aspects of the centre, history, you name it. I could easily have him in any spot. Nature's Place sat really well with him because he had an interest in the nature/environment connection here, the ecological uniqueness," she said. Carmount said she wanted to pass along condolences from the staff at the cultural centre to Farrell's family.

Although he spent a good deal of his early adulthood in Yorkville, chumming around with musicians and running a photography studio, Farrell also had a

deep connection to the natural world, which was part of the reason he and St. Pierre chose to relocate to the Highlands in 1988.

The pair met in 1980 and were friends for four or five years before a romance blossomed. St. Pierre said she was attracted to his sense of humour and his irreverence, though, she points out, he was always respectful to others, even when he disagreed.

He had worked in the film industry for a time, and after becoming injured on the job, began working from home more often. He spent hours with his sons at that time helping them with school work and fostering a love of the outdoors.

"He was home a lot so he was very active in the boys' upbringing and very patient," St. Pierre said, recalling his time educating the kids on the birds that came to the feeder and caring for animals, like Sherman the Ermine.

"He loved being in nature, he loved being in the country. Even though he'd been a city person, his true self was being in nature," she said.

More recently, Farrell's attention was placed on music, in particular the blues. For nine years, he worked with Shawn Chamberlin, owner of the Dominion Hotel in Minden, on the Canadian Blues Legends series. He brought his connections from the Yorkville days, helping to select and book major talent.

"He knew these guys from seeing them play in their early years," Chamberlin said. "They all went on to become quite famous and popular ... this was an opportunity to reconnect with them for George."

Taylor marvels at the names he brought in – some of the very best in the province – including Lance Anderson, Teddy Leonard and Danny Mark.

Farrell would get up on the Dominion stage to introduce them, telling jokes and sharing stories. "When I think of George, that's a big part of the image that comes to mind," Taylor said. "George on the stage there introducing these wonderful musical acts."

St. Pierre said she and the family have been overwhelmed by the support from the Highlands community during George's illness and following his death.

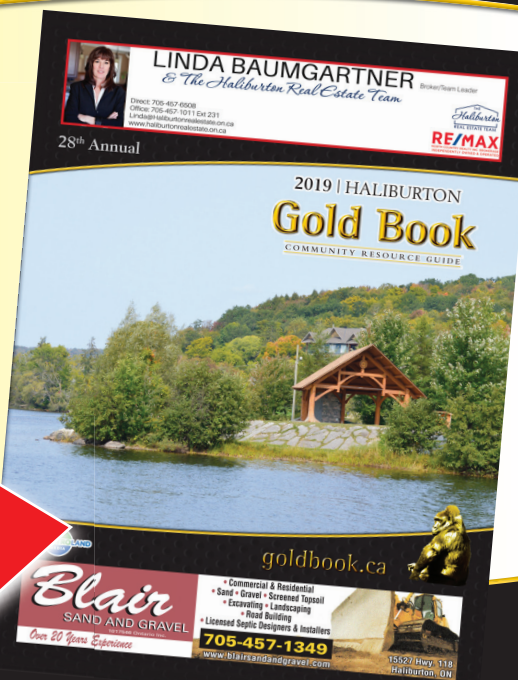
"The community has been wonderful. I don't think he realized how much he was loved and appreciated and how many lives he touched. It's been remarkable," she said.

A celebration of life will be organized this spring.

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23 at the Northern
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Pavilion in Haliburton.
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had 16 acts, including a
final number with all of
the performers, was held
on Thursday evening.
A diverse collection of
performances were
offered such as dance,
music, drama and
poetry./DARREN LUM Staff



Students Isla
Dobbins, Isabella
Valentini, Natasha
Willis, Harper
Gooley, Alexis
Dacey, Chloe
Morissette, Dineke
Verstege and
Claudia Nienajadio
dance.



Above, from left,
students Ruby
Andrews, Fynn
Gooley, Maxine
Little, Zebedee
Jones and Gracie
Pockett dance to
Tombollywood.



Student Ella Gervais shows great balance and skill, as her dance partner and peer Freya Neimann-Rowe looks on while performing a dance choreographed by Julia Barban called *A Million Dreams*.



Left, student Sophia
Burke delivers a poem
Missing a Friend.

Investigators believe we're not alone in Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the Wellington County Paranormal Investigators were asked to come to the Haliburton Highlands Museum to see if there was any paranormal activity no one really knew what they'd find.

Several weeks ago, their team set up video and audio recording equipment, including infrared cameras throughout the museum's Reid House on the evening Sept. 21.

Their visit, which included a preliminary walk-through of the building, was based on a request by museum director Kate Butler, who was curious about what could only be described as paranormal happenings. One of the main stories she's been told was about a little boy being seen by other children at the Reid House.

WCPI founder and investigator Joe Cairney led the presentation on Sunday, Oct. 27, which was part of the municipality's Hali Halloween 2019.

Cairney and his team included an audio recording of a word and four sightings of "stick" figures, which he said were spirits picked up by a camera with an infrared light projector. The camera uses the same technology employed in the Xbox Kinect device released in 2010 that shows everything as dots arranged in 3D formations. He played an audio recording of what sounded like a woman's voice saying, "nothing." Cairney said he didn't hear the recording at the time while walking to the front door and pointed out there wasn't another woman in his vicinity. The closest woman was Butler, who corroborated that she wasn't close enough to be able to whisper in the recording.

One of the stick figures was seen at the top of the stairs in the Reid House. Another moved with Butler while walking up the stairs of the house. There were also two seen upstairs. One in the hall and another in a bedroom. Another was seen on top of the pump piano in the museum on the first floor.

Along with his fellow members, Cairney not only provided the team's findings, but also explained their process



WCPI founder and investigator Joe Cairney provided findings on the paranormal activity at the Reid House at the Special Paranormal Presentation on Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Cairney provided the audience with a recording of what sounded like a woman whispering "nothing" and what he and the team believes were five spirit sightings at the museum and the Reid House. /DARREN LUM Staff

and their investigative approach, which includes working through interviews and their collection of data to rule out the "normal" first to leave behind what can only be considered paranormal.

WCPI was recommended by writer Andrew Hind, who included ghost stories related to the museum and its grounds as part of the *Haunted Museums and Galleries of Canada* book.

Cairney pointed out the WCPI team has extensive investigative experience.

He encouraged the audience to not just believe him, but make their own assessment of what was presented.

"This is all about trust and weighing out the balance of probability. What do we have to gain from lying and making all this up? We don't charge. We're not

looking for a TV show or radio show. I once had a podcast. It's hard to make money on a podcast. We have nothing to gain, but this is what we found," he said.

He added, "If you were to ask me if 'is there something in the Reid House, is there something here?' I would say I'm 99 per cent sure there is. We're hoping to come back and do more."

WCPI was founded in 2010 by Bruce McClelland and Cairney.

Cairney, who has been interested in the paranormal since he was 12, wanted to help people by giving them answers to incidents that were without explanation. He said there is an important distinction between investigators and ghost hunters, who are more interested in thrill seeking than learning and helping clients

find answers to unexplained questions.

He admits investigators get scared while investigating, but likens the attitude he had as a firefighter, which was to run to the fire instead of away from it like everyone else.

He reminded the audience at the presentation that the paranormal is nothing to worry about or lose sleep over.

The presentation also included a portion dedicated to placing the audience members in the shoes of an investigator, examining video footage for interesting aspects for further study, or spotting photos that have been doctored.

Butler said these findings aren't anything to be afraid of so much as add to the belief that there is something here.

"I feel like whatever is here is friendly. It's a whole part of acknowledging the fact that not only do the buildings here have history, everything in this building, every single artifact in this building, has a connection to people and so it just makes sense those memories and connections are contained within all of those. It doesn't freak me out. I think it is all friendly and all good," she said.

She adds this is good because she is the one "that hangs out with them all the time."

Butler wasn't sure who the voice that said, "nothing" could be.

She knows there were two women who lived in the house: Jean Reid (but has an Irish accent that didn't match the recording) and Janet Clinkscale, who was the wife of John Russell Reid Jr and raised three children in the house. The couple had the house built in 1882.

"It's also important to remember the house was moved from its original location. You also have to think about the land the house sits on so that could factor in as well," she said.

She appreciated being included in the investigation.

Butler welcomed them to return so they can learn more about the woman and conduct an investigation on the museum's homestead buildings. She hopes they can come back in the summer.

"There's enough evidence that can't be explained away so I'm curious to find out more and that's really got me thirsty to learn more," she said.



In the spirit

Julie Barban and Gayle McIvor walk with ghouls, zombies, animals, bunnies, movie characters and superheroes through downtown Haliburton on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Hali Halloween Parade was part of a series of events led by the Municipality of Dysart et al. See www.halihalloween.com for more upcoming events such as Halloween Around the World, Haliburton Village Ghost Walk and Dia de los Muertos. /DARREN LUM Staff



A family of plaid wearing zombies was part of the spooky fun.



The Hali Halloween Parade included a headless horseman (with head carrier) and a knight.



Women on the Uganda tour organized by Broad Escapes hold up the coasters they were taught how to make by some of the women at Ride 4 A Woman, a non-governmental organization. Broad Escapes includes humanitarian work in the itinerary when organizing trips to developing countries. Co-founder Bonnie Hinschberger, front row, second from left, said the experience enriches the lives of the travellers and the people they visit. /Photo courtesy of Bonnie Hinschberger

Travelling with a cause

JENN WATT

Editor

When Bonnie Hinschberger takes tours of women to developing parts of the world as part of her Broad Escapes travel business, they see the countryside, participate in local culture and she also ensures they spend time giving back.

The co-founder of the women's travel company and a lifelong cottager in the Highlands said the model seeks to enrich women's lives through travel – and adding a humanitarian component is part of it.

"We find that we not only enrich the people who are on the tours when we have interaction with locals, but we also enrich the lives of the people we're meeting and we've done that in many different countries: Peru, India, Uganda," she said in an interview earlier this month.

On her most recent trip to Uganda in September, along with the gorilla and chimpanzee trekking, the group of 12 visited a micro-enterprise NGO, Ride 4 A Woman, and did some volunteer work on another initiative, Days for Girls.

Ride 4 A Woman employs 51 women who are experiencing hardship, either through poverty, family situation or health status.

"These women, she [the program's founder] teaches them how to weave, how to sew," Hinschberger said. Aside from those directly employed by the NGO, there are another 300 women who have received micro-loans to start their own business.

"We spent a half-day with them just interacting with them and learning a bit about their lives," she said. The women gave the visitors a lesson on weaving before they left.

The second initiative the women took part in during the last trip was distributing reusable feminine hygiene products through the Days for Girls organization. Hinschberger was connected to the chapter in London, Ont., where she lives and

has taken training in how to educate girls about the products and how they can help them.

"Girls were not going to school because they were menstruating and they had no protection and ... they felt they couldn't leave their house," she said. That meant girls were being disadvantaged in their education, missing about 180 days in a three-year time frame.

The kits distributed through Days for Girls last for between three and four years, essentially giving school days back to the girls.

Along with a translator, Hinschberger said she instructed the children, between 10 and 13 years old, about how to use the kits and what to expect when they started having their periods. The other women on the tour assisted with handing out kits.

"They're all made in these nice little string bags and the fabric is so colourful and every kit has different fabric.... It just looks like a nice little bag," she said, which means the girls won't be embarrassed to carry them.

Volunteers with Days for Girls sew the kits and donations go to purchasing the fabric. Hinschberger said the charity intends to transition to a new model in the future where women in developing countries are employed making the kits.

Broad Escapes organizes between eight and nine tours for women a year. The idea to cater specifically to that demographic came from observing a gap in the market.

"I'd been in group travel for many years and found that in many of the groups I was organizing there was a higher percentage of women travelling on them than couples. And sometimes these women were feeling like a third wheel. We thought there was a niche for women to travel on their own," Hinschberger said.

Using local, private guides, the travel company provides safe, fun trips in groups. They also organize private travel.

To find out more about Broad Escapes, go to broadescapes.com. You can find information on Days for Girls at daysforgirls.org.



School girls from Entebbe, Uganda hold up the kits they were given by Days for Girls. The kits contain reusable feminine hygiene products that will last three to four years and will allow the girls to attend school on days when they would normally have stayed home. /Photo courtesy of Bonnie Hinschberger

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Pride of Hawks running down OFSAA glory

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Two Red Hawks cross-country runners are using their small town pride to spur them on against the best the province has to offer this weekend at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships in Sudbury.

Junior Nick Phippen and senior Isaac Little earned their all-provincial berths by finishing third in their respective age groups a week earlier at the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics Championship, which was hosted at the Ganaraska Forest.

They said living in the Highlands is at the root of their success, whether it's the strength and character they develop from the challenging runs set against the rugged terrain, the encouragement from coaches and teammates, or the love they have for the community they call home.

The two Hawks said there is added motivation when running against competitors, who run for large clubs, who have coaches with running pedigrees. It gives them an incentive to prove their community is as capable as larger centres.

"We just want to show 'em we don't need all these ... clubs or coaches that have run at national level or whatever they go into to be great athletes," Phippen said.

Little added there has always been a group of runners, who were part of running clubs in the cities that he has tried to beat.

"Their coaches are out on the trails [shouting out] times to them or whatever. It's like, 'you know what? My coach is 400 metres from the finish and that's what I got and that's great for me. I don't need all this. I'm just going to push myself to the limit either way. You can take your track club and get outta town,'" he said.

Little said finishing third left him emotional and completely exhausted at the end of his race.

"At the end of the race, I was so gassed, but someone could have punched me in the face and I would have still been smiling. It was awesome," he said.

His coach Karen Gervais said this race was the best of his career.

"Isaac fell in with a pack of four runners early in the first loop of the six kilometre race. I could see Isaac struggling to keep up with this group, but he kicked up his resolve and hung in with the fast pace of this pack. Little had to contend with the mental challenge of battling back and forth with these runners for most of the course, and nearly getting knocked down when ENSS runner Isaac Hollinger tripped and rolled on the course."

Little remembers seeing Hollinger trip. He attempted to reach for him to help him up.

However, the competitor recovered as quickly as he had stumbled and almost knocked Little down, which could have taken him out of contention.

This is the second trip to OFSAA for Little, who earned his berth two years ago as a Grade 10 athlete.

For Phippen it's his first OFSAA berth in cross-country.

Gervais wrote in an email that Phippen had to "overcome his mindset of fatigue and not feeling at the top of his game, but after a really good warm-up and focus talk on his run, he got off to a fast start and pushed to a third position he was able to maintain throughout the course, widening the gap between him and the fourth runner significantly in the last quarter of the race. Phippen set out with determination and the goal of making it to OFSAA and did not allow himself to let up. That mental toughness and his outstanding commitment to practice has allowed him to bloom into a much stronger competitor."

Phippen said there was a sense of accomplishment, but also relief at the finish.

"I was getting tired, waiting to cross that finish line knowing I was making it to OFSAA for the first time ever in cross-country. It was a great feeling. It was a great experience," he said.

Gervais was happy for the team and her two all-provincial bound runners.

"I was ecstatic about the performances of our runners at COSSA. They exceeded my expectations, and I think even their own, about what they were capable of. They all ran a really tough physical and mental race," she wrote in an email.

Little, who started with the team in Grade 9 after a brief hiatus, is very proud of being part of the success, whether it was in racing or leading.



Red Hawks cross-country runners Isaac Little and Nick Phippen are proud of their COSSA third place finishes, which earned them a berth to the all-provincials this weekend in Sudbury. The two athletes said they will be fuelled by pride this Saturday, as they will not only represent themselves and the school, but their community. /DARREN LUM Staff

"When our team was successful it was even better and now that I'm leaving and I see how good of athletes we have coming behind me and keep doing the same thing, and we're going to have kids like Nick and Corin Gervais. And the team is strong and to see that it's like this is going to keep going. It's going to keep happening. We're going to keep having kids from Haliburton, small ... town that nobody knows about, and we're going keep having people at OFSAA because of how hard we work and how hard our coaches push us. It's cool to watch that," he said.

He appreciates feeling like he is contributing to the quality of the program, particularly when he sees the effort put forth by the younger runners, who will carry on and lead the team.

Gervais pointed out the boys are not just great athletes, but also great citizens.

"These boys are not only great athletes, but great citizens. Their positivity and sportsmanship was recognized frequently by other coaches and were just a great group of kids to work with!" she wrote in an email.

Gervais calls Little an excellent leader on the team and when he graduates his absence will be felt.

"Other runners are inspired by his passion and he cheers on his teammates with the same passion he brings to his own race, even in training. Little's charismatic leadership will certainly be missed," she wrote.

True to his coach's words, he highlighted the strength of the program, which was supported by great results last year even if there wasn't an all-provincial berth.

Last year the team boasted a junior boys team, which missed advancing to OFSAA by one point, Logain Baird missed OFSAA by one position and Little missed OFSAA by one placing (he was the alternate).

"I feel we have a really strong program and every year we're always a group of people who's there for each other to push each other to get the best out of everyone," he said.

This year wasn't any different for the team at COSSA. Gervais also highlighted other notable Hawks' results at COSSA.

This included Logan Heaven's 19th place finish as a first-year senior; Jonas Moghini's 21st place; junior runner Bronson McCord, who finished despite falling twice and twisted his ankle; junior runner Corin Gervais "ran the race of his life" and finished eighth, missing the last individual qualifying berth for OFSAA.

Ever the consummate teammate, Little was confident

about Phippen making a return trip to OFSAA.

"It's not a doubt in my mind and I think going through this experience he's going to be even more ready for next year," he said.

Running this late into autumn is likely to bring cooler temperatures and the white stuff.

Little said when he competed in Pembroke, which hosted OFSAA two years ago, it snowed during the race. He expects the same thing to happen in Sudbury and will prepare by training in the clothes he had competed in during the season.

Even before COSSA, Little was successful, winning the cross-country Kawartha title.

He savoured the championship title for how he was able to overcome adversity.

For close to four kilometres he ran with both of his shoes untied, which may have come from wet, muddy conditions.

At COSSA, he took the advice of his coach Gervais and duct-taped up his shoes, securing his laces.

Little put in time with Gervais during mid-August with training runs started in August. Phippen said he ran on his own in the summer.

Both runners credit their success to the coaches.

Little added none of this is possible without his dad, who drove him to the early 7 a.m. practices four to five days a week, most weeks. He also trained with Gervais starting in mid-August.

They not only provided encouragement and help with running (from the sidelines or even running with them), but also made them believe in their potential to be their best.

"They were there for us," Little said, referring to staff advisor Catherine Andress, community coach Kyra Cockwell and Gervais.

Gervais was impressed by all of the runners, who exhibited grit and determination. It reminded her of why she loves running.

"That's part of what I love about running – we are faced with challenges and must use our mental toughness and resolve to overcome them. Runners have to extend their thinking about their perceived limitations and push past them. I think these lessons we take away from running extend into other areas of our lives," she wrote. "I also like the immediate rewards you see from practice. Runners that train, get better. Our runners all saw the results of that this season, and I like to see that work ethic get rewarded as it did."



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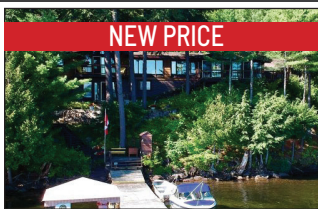
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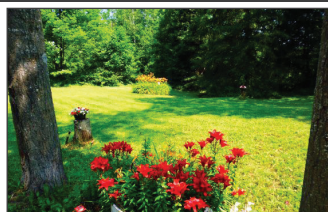
- 4,000-total sq ft cottage, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
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Dagmar Boettcher**
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West Lake \$624,900

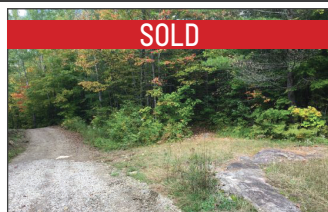
- 2900 Sq Ft executive home on 1.5-acre lot
- 3-bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, plus Bunkie/Studio
- Fabulous lakeview with new dock on West Lake



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- 94-Acre Hunt Camp close to Brady Lake
- Backs onto crown land on two sides
- Access via ATV trail on road allowance



Gloria Carnochan*
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Little Redstone \$499,000

- 3 season 2 bdrm cottage, level lot, wood heat
- No septic or running water, sits close to lake
- Spectacular views, build or reno, internet



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Haliburton Home \$509,900

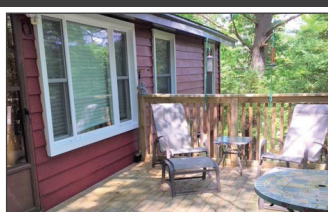
- Apprx 521 Ft Rd Frtg, 2.7 Acr
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Tom Ecclestone*
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Access to Tamarack Lk \$299,000

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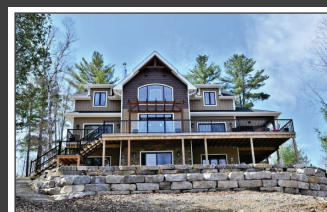
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- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!



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Lakefront Home \$1,188,000

- 3,880 sqft post & beam, custom built in 2018
- 4 beds, 5 bathrooms, walkout basement
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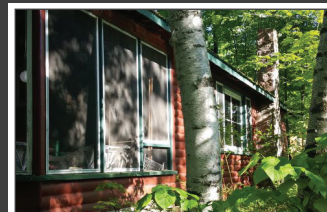
- Over 4000 sq. ft home on 2-lake chain
- Double garage, log workshop and drive shed
- SW exposure, beautiful sand beach



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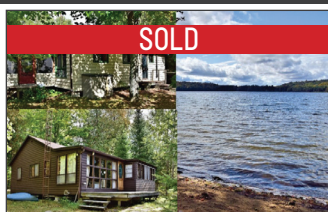
- WAO classic cottage
- 2 bedrooms + loft.
- Screened room, septic & hydro
- 100 feet of waterfrontage



Brandon Nimigon*
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Redstone Lake \$825,000

- Warm & inviting open concept interior
- 3 spacious bedrooms, full lower level
- Nestled on private 0.74-acre lot with 166' sand/rock shoreline



Karen Nimigon**
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Beech Lake \$545,000

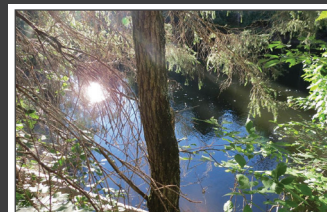
- 2 turn-key family cottages & a Bunkie
- Open concept main cottage w/ 4 bdrms
- 2nd Classic Grandma's cottage w/ 2 bdrms.
- Relax lakeside, paddleboard or fish!



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Holmes Road \$35,900

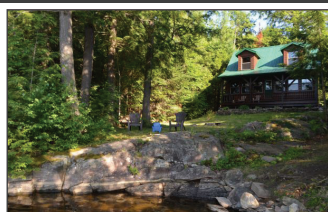
- Partially cleared, half acre building lot
- Within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce
- Quiet residential area



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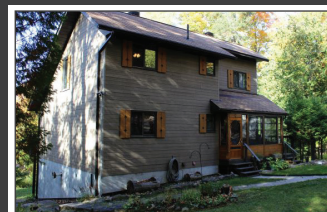
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Ruggers exhibition
Red Hawks rugby scrumhalf Alyssa Bogardis moves the ball to her backs against Cobourg defenders.



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CLUES ACROSS
1. Third-party access (abbr.)
4. This (Spanish)
8. Goals
10. Something to do lightly
11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend
12. Iced or chilled drink
13. Weight units
15. Immune system response
16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
17. Milk-supplying companies
18. Enjoyable distraction
21. Doctor of Education
22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)
23. Curved shape
24. Brew
25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
26. Advanced degree

27. Shock rocker
34. Enthusiast
35. Quiet's partner
36. Hijacked
37. TVOs once needed them
38. Brings together
39. Narrow piece of wood
40. Paths
41. Monetary unit
42. Wings
43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN
1. Gear
2. Outer part of a bird's wing
3. Good luck charm
4. Removing from memory
5. Group of seven people
6. Records
7. German river
9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine

10. Ancient Greek war galley
12. Nonsensical speak
14. Title of respect
15. Cast out
17. Have already done
19. Wood-loving insects
20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
25. Sea cow
26. Protein coding gene
27. Where boats park
28. The top of a jar
29. Fitting
30. German city
31. Martens
32. They're all over the planet
33. One that nests
34. Coming at the end
36. Croatian coastal city

Answers on page 16



Red Hawks rugby player Charlotte Paton lunges and tackles a Cobourg ball carrier during an exhibition game, which provided both teams an opportunity for more competitive play before the post-season on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field./DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks girls' rugby team's defence converges on a Cobourg ball rusher during an exhibition game.



Red Hawks rugby player Georgia McAlpine rushes the ball against Cobourg defenders.


Hawks field hockey season ends in COSSA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Despite a loss in the COSSA semi-final to North Hastings High School this past Tuesday, there's a lot the Red Hawks girls' field hockey team can be proud of this season, said head coach Steve Smith. "The girls should be proud of their overall improvement as a team and their development. They finished in last place last year and turned it around to finish first in the Kawarthas. All the coaches are

proud of the entire team for their hard work and dedication," he wrote, including coaches Ginny Marsden and Vanessa Prentice. The comment came via text a day after the team lost 2-nil in the COSSA semi-final to Bancroft's North Hastings Highlands High School while playing Peterborough on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The defeat came after the two teams were knotted 0-0 after time expired, forcing a double-overtime and had to be decided with a five-person shootout. Smith said the Hawks did score in the second overtime period, but it was "called back."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:**
- **TIME:**
- **LOCATION:**

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019
11:00 am.
Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2019-018 – Hembruff

- The following variance is requested to legalize the location of an existing dwelling located on a lot in the WR4L-1 zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 15.24 metres (50 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.62 feet).
- Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Block 57, Plan Straggle Lake, in the geographic Township of Harcourt – Harcourt Park, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (2360 Sumcot Road – Straggle Lake).

2. D13-MV-2019-019 – Halupka

- The following variance is requested to legalize the size of an existing wood shed on a lot in the WR4L zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a third accessory building to have a gross floor area of 16.91 m2 (182 ft2) as opposed to the required maximum of 10 m2 (107.6 ft2).
- Location: Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 12, Part 2, Plan 19R6256, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1046 Bonnyville Road – Cruiser Lake).

3. D13-MV-2019-020 – Harrison

- The following variances are requested to permit the construction of a private garage on a lot in the WR4 zone:

a) A variance to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 1.5 metres (4.92 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 3.4 metres (11 feet) as permitted via minor variance D13-MV-2019-014;

b) A variance to permit a private garage to have minimum street setback of 12.2 metres (40.3 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 14 (46 feet) as permitted via minor variance D13-MV-2019-014.
- Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 10, Lot 11, Plan 348, Part 1, Plan 19R9938, Part 1, Plan 19R10260 in the geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (6684 Haliburton Lake Road – Haliburton Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



Haliburton's Evan Armstrong placed second in the Novice field at the CISAA Championships last week. He will be competing against the best in the province Nov. 2. / Photo submitted by Rory Gilfillan

Evan Armstrong punches his ticket to OFSAA

RORY GILFILLAN

Special to the Echo

Haliburton local and Lakefield College School Grade 9 student, Evan Armstrong is easy to underestimate. Weighing in at 95 pounds soaking wet, and standing 5-foot-2, he was also easy to lose in the melee of the start of the CISAA Cross Country Championships, held this past Wednesday at Trinity College School in Port Hope.

Armstrong is a talented athlete but his success isn't simply the result of good fortune but forged in his willingness to work harder than anyone else. Armstrong doesn't take days off, doesn't do easy days, and doesn't need to be encouraged or pushed. The CISAA Championships were no different and despite a deep Novice field, Armstrong placed second overall. Armstrong will be joining Isaac Little and Nick Phippen at OFSAA in Sudbury Nov. 2.



REQUEST FOR TENDERS

EVERGREEN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

4 Year Contract
April 6, 2019 to November 17, 2023

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the provision of Evergreen Cemetery Maintenance.
Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

PARKS AND AREA MAINTENANCE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the provision of parks and municipal areas maintenance.
Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office,
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 honours students (in alphabetical order) Emily Alexander, Logan Baird, Kristina Barry, Cole Boisvert, Katy Booth, Kylie Brohm, Savannah Byers, Kiera Casey, Jocelyn Chumbley, William Craftchick, Lily Davies, Molly Devolin, Corin Gervais, Colin Glecoff, Aiden Hill, Ezra Hill, Ryanne Horsley, Grace Hudson, Olivia Johnson, McKenna Johnston, Breanna Jones, Grace Judge, Alanna Keller, Scott King, Gerrit Kooistra, Jordan Kovacs, Hannah Lewis, Darian Maddock, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Olivia Melle, Braedon Miller, Emma Miller, Harmony Moher, Alyssa Morissette, Ella Moynes, Nicholas Pamplin, Crystal Petry, Ben Pilcher, Hailee Rogers, Benjamin Rutter, Courtney Semach, Ava Smith, Isabella Smolen, Matthew Stata, Brooke Stover, Emma Thompson, Olivia Villamere, Ethan Volochkov, Nikita Watson, Gracyn Whitehead, Jackson Wilson and Hunter Winder. Students must successfully complete eight courses with an average of 80 per cent or more to earn honours. /DARREN LUM Staff

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

In the passing of Lyle Stamp, Oct. 7 beloved husband of Carol in their 44 years of marriage, we lost a large and favourite part of this community.

Much of Lyle's life was recalled in the many tributes and music, spoken and sung by so many friends at the huge gathering at the Community Centre on Friday for visitation and on Saturday Oct. 11 and Oct. 12. It was fit-

ting that the large numbers chose to attend Lyle's Celebration of Life as so many have cause to recall his activity in lumbering, trucking, and music. All with his grin and lovable sense of humour.

The heartfelt sympathy of the community goes out to Carol, Susan, Mark and Brandon. May God bless you all in the grieving days ahead.

Harvest Dinner time at Maple Lake United Church on Oct. 5 raised more than \$1,200 for the church. Christina Barry's continuous meat pie baking won \$975 for this effort for the church.

Well done from Merrie Barry's invitations to Alan Upton at the door receiving donations and everyone in between who helped prepare and serve the folks at the harvest decorated tables.

Heartiest congratulations to Pearl and Ivan Kernohan as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the

Minden Curling Club on Oct. 19. It was old home week for many former and recent friends and relatives over these many happy years.

The neighbourhood thanks Tracey and Paul Brown for sharing Halloween decorations on their lawn at Stevens corner. We can do with that kind of cheer as gloomy days approach.

Birthday wishes on his 91st birthday to Henk van Nood, a regular on the West Guilford euchre night.

The power outage for some of us on Oct. 21 at about 8 p.m. was occasion for many to end their day by lamp and candle light.

Mark your calendars for Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. when at the centre a talent show will be presented to raise funds for the Water Ambassadors for help in supplying clean water to Colombia as they aid in rescuing Venezuelan refugees.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

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When: Thursday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Students from Haliburton, Minden and Cardiff will be visiting houses to collect canned food items for local food banks. For further information please contact Abigail Kauffeldt at 186145@tidsb.me or Siddhi Shah at 307404@tidsb.me

When: Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Galway Hall, 388 Galway Road, less than 10 minutes south of Kinmount.

Adults: \$17, Children 6-12: \$7, Children 5 and under: Free

When: Saturday, Nov. 2
Where: Minden Legion, 2 to 5 p.m. and
Kinmount Legion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

When: Saturday, Nov. 2
Where: 4713 Gelert Road
Adults: \$15, Kids 12 & under: \$8, Children 5 and under - Free. Spaghetti with homemade meat & vegetable sauce served with caesar salad, fresh rolls and a variety of desserts. Seatings available for 5:00 or 6:30 dinner
Fore reservations call Nancy at 705-286-3339 or Linda at 705-286-3438

When: Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St
Refreshment theme: 'Apple or Cranberry Concoctions'
We welcome your apple or cranberry treats
For more info: mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca

When: Nov. 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Radio Hall of Canoe FM.
Join us with a story or just to listen. No charge, all welcome.
For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617. Meets the first Thursday of the month

When: Thursday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in
Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

When: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Community Ctr.
Featuring: Carl Dixon, Bill Gliddon, Julie Barban's dancers,
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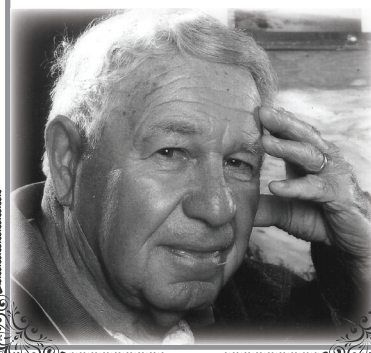
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3 Year Honours: Kerry Grezina, Emily Henderson, Kim Smith.

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5 Year Honours: Brenda Blackburn, David Dummit, Dawn Hebert, Tammy Lee, Jean Morrison, Sherry Smith.

1993-1994 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For 1 Year:

Dwight Bryant, Amber Bunn, Todd Hoare, Ricky Huffman, Gord Larson, Ryan Lindsay, Amanda McCracken, Caitlin Pettit, Luke Talaba, Kyle Woodman.

For 2 Years:

Tania Mastervick, Tammy Packard.

The Canning Lake Property Owners' Association Award. Donated by the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association for the highest mark in Year 2 Advanced Level English. Prize of \$100. **Todd Hoare, 98%**

The Laurie Bacon Memorial Award. Established by the H.H.S.S. Girls' Athletic Association for the highest mark in Year 2 General Level English. Award of \$40. **Tina Houghton, 84%**

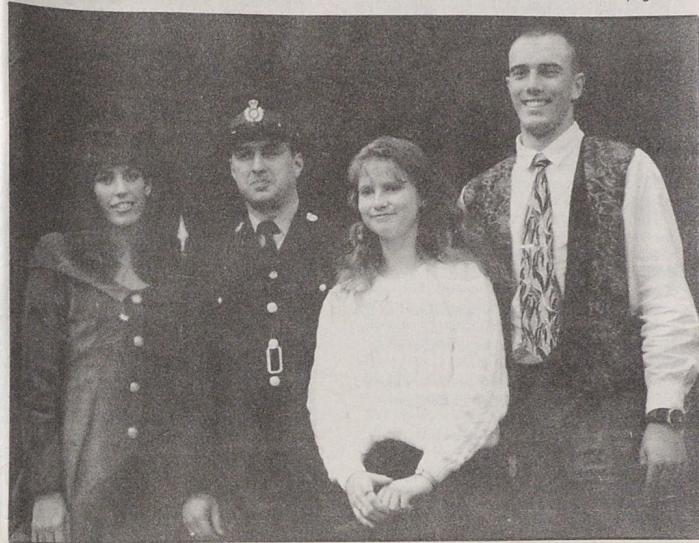
The Eagle Lake Women's Scholarship. Donated by the Eagle Lake Women's

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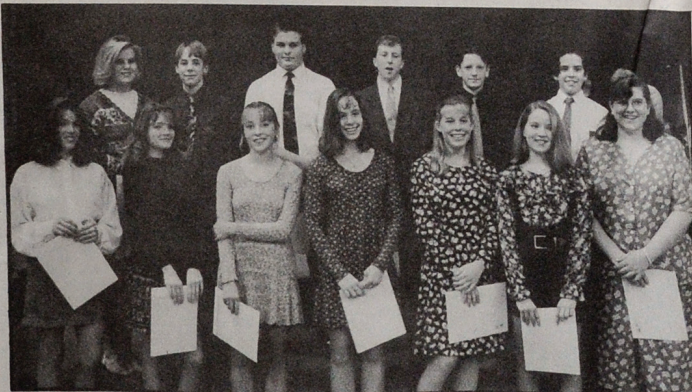
For 3 Years:
Jennifer Coumbs, Ryan Smith, Dionna Warburton.
For 4 Years:
Marcus Letourneau.

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 AWARDS

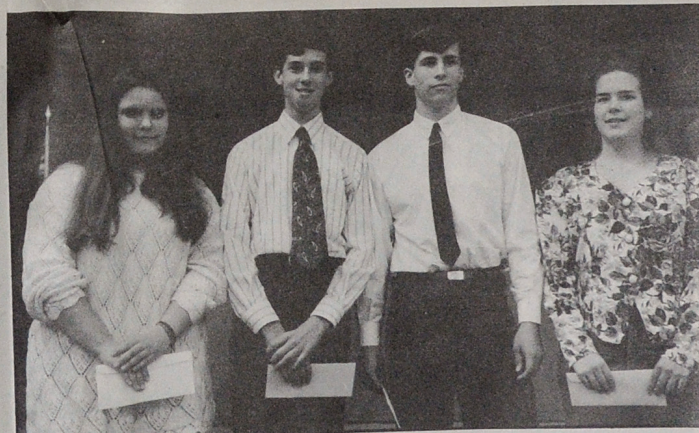
The Sherman Taylor Award. Donated by the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association for the highest mark in Year 1 History. Award of \$100. **Sheamus Donnery, 96%**



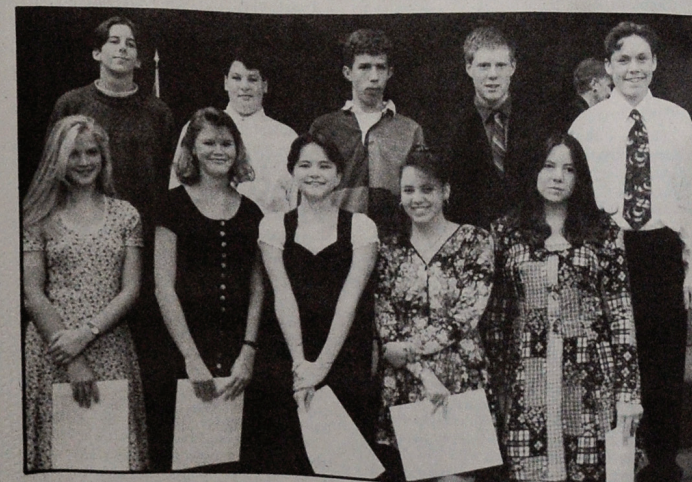
THE INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE ERIC NYSTEDT MEMORIAL AWARDS: This annual award was established to honour Minden O.P.P. Constable Eric Nystedt who was killed in 1993 while on duty. Ms. Joanne McPhee, fiancée of the slain officer, and Constable Mike Landry, his partner, presented the awards to Dawn Hebert and Chris Greenfield.



YEAR ONE HONOURS: Back row from left: Rachel Levis, Ian MacKenzie, Quentin McCormack, Gavin McElwain, Ron Pettit and Danny Wright. Front row from left: Sarah Ladurantaye, Valerie Patterson, Caitlin Pettit, Stephanie Sales, Kristen Schakelaar, Julie Vanderlip, Sarah McMahon



YEAR TWO HONOURS: Nancy Douglas, Todd Hoare, Tim Hughes, Tammy Packard. Several students are missing because of a Grade 11 class trip to Ohio.



YEAR ONE HONOURS: Back row from left: Kevin Brezina, Josh Dennis, Jonathan Fast, Nicholas Fawcett, Bryn Gray. Front row from left: Rachel Brown, Sarah Brohm, Susan Carr, Mandy Fideau, Nicole Gauley.



YEAR THREE HONOURS: Back row from left: Cara Donnery, Tim Stouffer, Scott Whittaker, Carol Mowat. Front row from left: Lynn Simmons, Sarah Levis, Haley Lynch, Aimee Mansfield.

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MINUTES TO ALL AMENITIES



DRAG LAKE
\$719,000

3 BR, 2 bath home/cottage. Massive Haliburton room, Eat-in kitchen, Stone fireplace, Master private screened in porch. 240 sqft dry boathouse and single garage.

METICULOUSLY CARED FOR



SOYERS LAKE
\$699,000

3 BR, 2 bath Lake house! 114ft of frontage, granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances. Single oversized detached garage SW exposure.

FULLY FURNISHED COTTAGE



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
\$698,000

3 BR, 2 Bath. Open concept living. Four season sunroom. 12X9 Bunkie. 160 ft of frontage. Eastern exposure. Million dollar view.

QUIET, CALM & PEACEFUL



WENONA LAKE
\$683,000

3BR, 3 bath. Open concept kitchen and dining, large master with 3pc ensuite and screened in porch. 125ft of frontage with stunning western lake front views.

BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE LOT



HALIBURTON LAKE
\$665,000

3 BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Private 176ft of frontage. Sandy beach. Open concept living. Pine cathedral ceilings. Fully finished lower level. Single garage, 2 storage sheds.

CHARMING DECOR



MINNICOCK LAKE
\$599,000

3 BR, 2 bath. Many upgrades, main floor laundry, beautiful stone fireplace. Screened porch, 270ft of frontage, Southern exposure.

BREATHTAKING VIEWS



HALIBURTON LAKE
\$599,000

Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.

FINISHED TO PERFECTION



TWELVE MILE LAKE
\$569,969

A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.

EXTENSIVE ACREAGE



CARROLL ROAD
\$559,500

Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood and garden sheds all on 92 acres.

SEASONAL COTTAGE



DRAG LAKE
\$529,000

3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. Recently upgraded kitchen and appliances, 102 ft of frontage. Sunny lot with south east exposure. Single dry boathouse/shed.

STUNNING LAKEFRONT VIEWS



SOUTH PORTAGE LAKE
\$489,000

3BR, 1 bath year-round cottage. Large kitchen and dining, oak cabinetry, cedar cathedral ceilings, sunken living room and four season porch. Western views and level lot.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY



SOYERS LAKE
\$475,000

Yr round home/cottage. 2 acres lot. 344 ft of frontage. 3 BR, 1 bath open concept living. Bright eat-in kitchen, sunken living room. Oversized single garage.

FULLY FURNISHED



KOSHLONG LAKE
\$459,900

2BR, 1 bath cottage. Pine flooring throughout, wrap around deck, 112ft of frontage, 190sq ft Bunkie with tool shed. Lakefront stone patio, move in ready!

YEAR ROUND ACCESS



LONG LAKE
\$289,000

2BR, 1 Bath. Eat-in kitchen, Walk-out lower level. Detached single garage. Fenced in area with decking and garden shed. Municipal access over road allowance.

SOUTH WESTERN EXPOSURE



SALERNO LAKE
\$289,000

2 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage sits on waters edge and awaits your finishing touch. 115ft of frontage on Salerno Lake, known for its excellent fishing.

VACANT LOTS

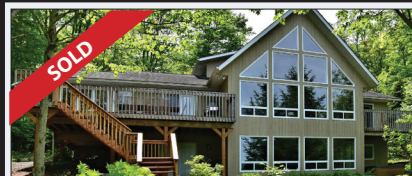
Kennisis Lake \$985,000 4.30AC
Drag Lake \$499,000 7.24AC
Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC
Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC
Harburn Road \$108,000 44.17AC
Irondale River \$79,000 3.22AC

Contau Lake Road \$49,000 3.91AC
Old Donald Road **NEW PRICE**
\$44,900 3.49AC
Wenona Lake **NEW LISTING**
\$40,000 0.42AC
Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC



Spruce Lake

5 BR, 4 Bath. 225ft of frontage. Southern exposure. Gorgeous landscaping and gazebo. Bunkie. Detached double garage. Backup generator.
\$1,399,000



Soyers Lake

Private 4BR 1 1/2 storey home/cottage. Level to gentle sloping 1.22 acre lot. 210 ft of frontage. 2 Large grassed areas. Shallow sand beach. 5 Lake chain. Stone fireplace, finished loft and much more.
\$1,295,000



Grass Lake

Breathtaking 4BR, 4 bath cottage or waterfront home. Sunny level lot with South Eastern views. 5 minutes from Haliburton Village. Personal boat launch. Part of Haliburton's 5 lake chain.
\$1,050,000



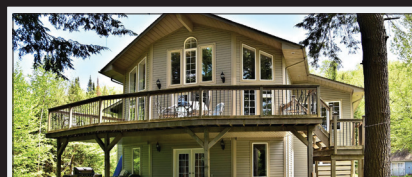
Otter Lake

Custom built 4BR waterfront home/cottage. Very Private. 462 ft of frontage. 67 acres. Small lake w/ great fishing. Granite fireplace, cathedral ceiling and fully finished lower level.
\$999,900



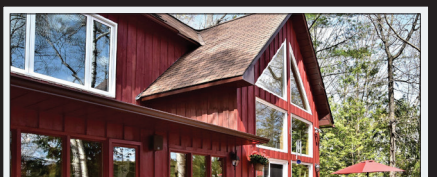
Colborne Lake

25 Acres with 300 ft of frontage. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. Open concept living. Warp around covered deck, private boat launch. Heated workshop, garage and bunkie.
\$999,000



Drag Lake

Peace and tranquility! 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. 3BR, 3 bath year-round home/cottage. Quiet bay. Large open concept 2 1/2 storey home w/ finished loft.
\$899,900



Kennisis Lake

Breathtaking Southern views! 4BR, 2 bath. 2 storey home/cottage. Year-round access. Sloping lot w/ stone steps to waters edge and dock. Move in and enjoy.
\$839,000